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FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE RELEASED TO LOCAL PRESS BY PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AT 1730 LOCAL TIME TODAY:

BEGIN QUOTE

IT IS KNOWN THAT WE AGREED WITH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT DURING OUR MUTUAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE SUMMER OF 1954 ON THE CONCLUSION OF THE BASE AGREEMENT CONCERNING TWO KINDS OF ASSISTANCE - - THE FIRST OF THEM BEING THE AMOUNT OF $40 MILLION, PAYABLE IN THE AMOUNT OF $4 MILLION ANNUALLY FROM 1954 TO 1960 AND THEN IN THE AMOUNT OF $1 MILLION PER YEAR IN THE 11 FOLLOWING YEARS AND THE SECOND KIND OF ASSISTANCE TO BE DECIDED YEAR-BY-YEAR BY AGREEMENT OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. IT IS ALSO KNOWN THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS ALLOCATED THE AMOUNTS WHICH IT WILL RECEIVE THROUGH THESE TWO KINDS OF AMERICAN

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AMERICAN AID TO DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND FOUNDED FOR THE PURPOSE A LIBYAN-AMERICAN COMMITTEE (LARC) TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON WHICH THE FUNDS WILL BE EXPENDED

THE GOVERNMENT IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE TODAY THAT AFTER CONTACTS WHICH HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE LATTER HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANCE:

1 $5 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS PAYABLE BEFORE JULY 1, 1956 THIS IS IN ADDITION TO THE $4 MILLION ALREADY DECIDED ON FOR 1956

2 5,000 TONS OF FAMINE RELIEF WHEAT IN ADDITION TO THE 7,200 TONS WHICH IS ON THE WAY TO LIBYA. THUS THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF WHEAT RECEIVED BY THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT IN THE YEAR 1955-56 WILL BE 25,000 TONS

3 $7 MILLION FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, PAYABLE IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 1956 AND JUNE 30, 1957, IN ADDITION TO THE $4 MILLION ALREADY DECIDED ON FOR THE AFORESAID FISCAL YEAR

4 25 000 TONS OF FAMINE RELIEF WHEAT TO BE SHIPPED TO LIBYA IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN JULY 1, 1956 AND JUNE 30, 1957.

5 THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT TO EQUIP 1,000 ADDITIONAL MEN FOR EXPANSION OF THE LIBYAN ARMY DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 1 1956 TO JUNE 30, 1957 AFTER AN AMERICAN SURVEY TEAM HAS EVALUATED THE AMOUNT OF ARMS

FURTHER THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS PROMISED TO CONTINUE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO LIBYAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AFTER 1957 ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMITMENTS IT MADE IN 1954, AND IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED BY LIBYA IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IT HAS ALSO PROMISED TO CONSIDER LIBYAN ARMS NEEDS SYMPATHETICALLY IN THE FUTURE

WHILE MAKING WITH PLEASURE AND SATISFACTION THIS ANNOUNCEMENT OF AMERICAN AID, I FEEL IT IS MY DUTY TO EMPHASIZE THE SPIRIT

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OF UNDERSTANDING SHOWN BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT TOWARD LIBYA'S NEEDS AND THE SINCERE COLLABORATION EXTENDED FOR MEETING THEM.

IN THE NAME OF THE LIBYAN GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE I EXTEND MY SINCERE THANKS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICAN WITH OUR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THEIR VALUED ASSISTANCE WHICH WILL NOT FAIL TO HAVE FAR-REACHING EFFECTS ON THE PROGRESS OF OUR COUNTRY AND ON RAISING THE STANDARD OF OUR PEOPLE.

END QUOTE

EMBASSY COMMENTS FOLLOW.

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